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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, Applicant files the remarks below.

AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

In addition, please amend claims 1, 9, 15, 20, 26, and 32 to read as follows:

1. (AMENDED) Method for inputting information in an information processing device having a multiple axes input key movable in M multi-axial directions, said method comprising the acts of:
moving the key in one of the M multi-axial directions to generate a selection stroke;
repeating said act of moving the key N number of times to generate N selection strokes, a pattern of N selection strokes with each stroke being in one of M multi-axial directions defining the information to be input to the information processing device.

9. (AMENDED) A method for interpreting a sequence of input strokes by a multiple axes input key to input an information element into a computing system, said method comprising:

drawing a display of the selectable information element set in a pattern illustrating input key stroke directions for selecting subsets of the selectable information element set with the input key;

detecting a multi-axial key stroke direction from movement of the input key;